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SUBJECT: RESPONSE OF LC OF PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY AT BELGRADE
UNIVERSITY TO ATTACK OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY: BORBA APRIL 17 GIVES PRELIMINARY REPORT OF LATE NIGHT APRIL 16 MEETING OF LC ORGANIZATION AT BELGRADE U PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY. ACCORDING BORBA, LC LRGANIZATION ACCEPTED GENERAL LINE OF CRITICISM EXPRESSED IN MARCH 9 LETTER FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE, BUT REBUTTED CERTAIN BASIC CHARGES. DOUBTFUL THAT HIGHER PARTY LEADERSHIP WILL BE PLEASED BY THIS RESISTANCE PARTICULARLY ON EVE OF FIFTH LC SERBIA CONFERENCE SCHEDULED APRIL 26-27. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING BORBA, LC ORGANIZATION OF PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY (LCO) CAME TO FOLLOWING CONCLUSION:

-- ACCEPTED ASSESSMENT OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE (UC) OF " PASSIVITY" OF LCO.

-- REJECTED INTERPRETATION OF UC THAT THIS PASSIVITY REPRESENTED FORM OF " FACTIONAL BEHAVIOR".

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-- DISSOCIATED LCO FROM EXTREMIST STUDENT GROUP " WHICH WAS IN EXISTENCE UNTIL RECENTLY", BUT REMARKED THAT BEHAVIOR THIS GROUP HAD BEEN " PROVOKED BY SOME SOCIAL PROBLEMS".

-- REJECTED UC VIEW THAT THERE WERE INSTRUCTORS AT FACULTY WHOSE VIEWS WERE, IN PRINCIPLE, CONTRADICTORY TO LCY POLICY, " IF SUCH VIEWS EXIST", STATE THE LCO CONCLUSION, " THIS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ONLY AFTER A FREE AND PUBLIC DEBATE IN WHICH THE CRITICIZED INSTRUCTORS WOULD ALSO TAKE PART".

-- OPPOSED THE USE OF " ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES, (I. E., CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS)" AGAINST THOSE INSTRUCTORS CRITICIZED BY THE UC.

3. IN CONCLUSION, LCO EXPRESSED PREPAREDNESS TO CHANGE PRESENT " UNSATISFACTORY CONDITIONS" FOR BETTER BY FULFILLING TASKS OF TITO-EXECUTIVE BUREAU LETTER OF LAST FALL.

4. IN EXPLAINING WHY PREVIOUS POLITICAL SITUATION EXISTED, LCO REFERRED TO " UNSUITABLE RELATIONS" BETWEEN LCO AND UC AS WELL AS TO GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN COUNTRY BEFORE APPEARANCE OF TITO- EB LETTER.

5. COMMENT: APRIL 16 MEETING HELD AFTER DEADLINE OF APRIL 15 SET BY SECRETARY OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE, BERTOLINO, DUE TO FAILURE OBTAIN QUORUM AT SCHEDULED APRIL 13 MEETING. ACCORDING PRESS MANY MEETINGS OF LCO HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE RECIPT OF UC LETTER, BUT DETAILS ARE LACKING SINCE PRESS HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ALL MEETINGS.

6. PRESUMABLY MORE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED THAN THOSE IN SKETCHY BORBA PIECE APRIL 17. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ENOUGH HAS BEEN REVEALED TO INDICATE THAT LCO HAS RESPONDED TO CHALLENGE OF UC BY FLINGING DOWN ITS OWN GAUNTLET. LCO HAS ACCEPTED GENERAL CRITICISM GIVEN BY UC BUT HAS EXPLAINED AWAY GENERAL SITUATION BY REFERRING TO PRE- LETTER POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN COUNTRY AND BY IMPLYING THAT UC MUST SHARE BLAME DUE TO " UNSUITABLE RELATIONS" BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS. LCO HAS THEN GONE ON TO REBUT MOST IMPORTANT SPECIFIC CHARGES MADE BY UC.

7. LCO AGREES TO CARRY OUT TASKS OF TITO- EB LETTER (IT COULD HARDLY DO OTHERWISE), BUT BY GOING BACK TO THIS ORIGINAL SOURCE OF PRESENT POLITICAL HOUSECLEANING EVIDENT IN YUGOSLAVIA, LCO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEEMINGLY IGNORES IMPORTANCE OF UC LETTER ITSELF WHICH, IN

SPIRIT OF TITO- EB LETTER, HAD MADE SPECIFIC CHARGES OF POLITICAL WRONGDOING.

8. UC HAD PROBABLY HOPED TO SET THINGS IN ORDER AT PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY BEFORE FIFTH CONFERENCE LC SERBIA, COMING UP IN TEN DAYS. UC LEADERSHIP CAN SCARCELY BE PLEASED WITH RESISTANCE OF LCO AND THIS DISPLEASURE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GO ALL TH WAY TO THE TOP. HOW THE TOP WILL REACT WILL PROBABLY BE SEEN VERY QUICKLY.

9. LCO MAY NOT BE SERVING ITS OWN CAUSE BY ITS INTRANSIGENCE. UC, IN PAST, HAS BACKED AWAY FROM QUESTION OF REMOVAL OF INSTRUCTORS FOR LACK OF " MORAL- POLITICAL QUALIFICATIONS," (I. E., LACK OF ADHERENCE TO PARTY LINE) AND THIS RELUCTANCE HAS BEEN SHARED BY HIGH PARTY OFFICIALS. NIN APRIL 1, FOR EXAMPLE, QUOTES DR. MIROSLOV PECUJLIC, A PROFESSOR AT BELGRADE UNIVERSITY AND PRESIDENT OF LCY PRESIDUM COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT THEORETICAL WORK AND IDEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY. " THOSE WHO CONTINUOUSLY DENY VALUES OF SELF- GOVERNING SOCIALISM AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS", SAID PECUJLIC, " WILL REALLY HAVE TO LEAVE THE UNIVERSITY". BUT, HE ADDED, " IT MUST ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THERE WILL ALWAYS EXIST CERTAIN UNAVOIDABLE THEORETICAL DIFFERENCES IN VIEWS AMONG PERSONS DEALING WITH SCIENCE".

10. NO UNTOWARD STUDENT RESPONSE TO THIS AFFAIR HAS BEEN NOTED ALTHOUGH EMBOFF WHO ATTENDED APRIL 16 DOM OMLADINE (YOUTH CENTER) DISCUSSION (ON DIFFERENT TOPIC) BY LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEMBER, TODO KURTOVIC, REPORTS THAT STUDENTS GAVE KURTOVIC A VERY HARD TIME, DEMANDING THAT HE BE MORE SPECIFIC IN HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE OPPONENTS OF LCY LINE AND DISMISSING HIS QUITE GENERAL REMARKS AS BEING " PRETTY PHRASES DESIGNED TO SHOW COMRADE KURTOVIC AS A CHARMING MAN". WHILE NO DIRECT LINE CAN BE MADE BETWEEN THIS PROVOCATIVE TREATMENT OF KURTOVIC AND EVENTS AT PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY, IT DOES INDICATE THAT STUDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN COWED BY PARTY AND, AT LEAST ON THIS OCCASION, EVEN EXHIBITED A CERTAIN TRUCULENCE.

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